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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC COORDINATOR TO
WASHINGTON (ABDEL-MEJUID, ADLY F.)

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1. DUE FACT MANY USUN OFFICERS NOT PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK WHO MIGHT KNOW ADLY F.ABDEL-MEJUID, CHIEF, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FOR EXPORT UNIT, UNIDO, WE RELYING FOR FOLLOFING ASSESSMENT OF SUBJECT GIVEN US BY RELIABLE AMERICAN WHO IS SUBORDINATE IN HIS NEW YORK OFFICE. ABDEL-MEJUID IS BROTHER OF AMB AHMED ESMAT ABDEL MEGUID, PERMREP OF EGYPT TO UN.
2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE ABDEL-MEJUID , WHO EARNED PHD IN ECONOMICS AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, IS MEMBER OF CLUB OF "ELITE ARABS WHO HAVE BEEN EDUCATED IN US." ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT FOR APPROXIMATELY PAST TEN YEARS.ABDEL-MEJUID HAS MAINTAINED CONTACTS IN ARAB

WORLD AND IN FACT OF LATE HAS GONE BACK TO CAIRO EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS FOR MEETINGS WITH DR HIJAZI, DEPUTY PRIMIN
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PURPOSE OF THESE TRIPS WAS DESCRIBED AS " MAINTAINING

CONTACTS FOR UP-COMING US-ARAB ECONOMIC RAPPROCHEMENT." ABDEL-MEJUID ALSO KNOW TO BE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL WEALTH OF SAUDI ARABIA. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT ABDEL-MEJUID HAS INTIMATED TO SOURCE THAT PURPOSE OF MAINTAINCE OF CONTACTS WITH IMPORTANT ARABS HAS BEEN TO PUB ABDEL-MEJUID IN POSITION WHERE HE WOULD BE NAMED DIRECTOR OF "NEW ARAB-AMERICAN BANK." AT PRESENT THIS "BANK" IS AN IDEA RATHER THAN REALITY AND PURPOSE OF BANK WOULD BE TO CHANNEL NEW ARAB FUNDS IN FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 REF B SOURCE AGREED WITH ASSESSMENT AND ADDED THAT ABDEL-MEJUID HAD HAD PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM VIENNA IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT. UNIDO NEW YORK FELT THAT DELAY WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO BUREAUCRACY OF UNIDO OFFICE IN VIENNA RATHER THAN MEJUID'S PERSONALITY.

4. ABDEL-MEJUID IS DESCRIBED BY SOURCE AS BEING AN EXCELLENT ASSESSOR OF HIS "OPPOSITION " IN THE MATTER OF IDENTIFYING WEAKNESSES AND CAPITALIZING ON SAME. DURING HIS TENURE IN NEW YORK HE HAS ORGANIZED AND TRAINED HIS STAFF TO USE THE SAME APPROACH. HE SEEMS TO HAVE NOT ONLY THE RESPECT OF HIS SUBORDINATES BUT THE RESPECT OF US BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITH WHOM HE HAS DEALTH.

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